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Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, specifically in the International Search Report (dated September 25, 2002), a copy of which is attached.

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